



NEWS SHEET

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the balmain association

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gasp! A MARINA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE AVENUE

Have you ever wondered why there is a patch of dusty unlandscaped waterfront at the foot of The Avenue?

The public open space along the waterside at the Canefields and the Slipway sites has been landscaped by the developers at the insistence of Leichhardt Council. Commendably, Council ensured that this was done before building work began - unlike the old days of developer-type concrete landscape.

A small strip of the waterfront, however, is vested in the Maritime Services Board and this is the dust patch in question. Council has no power to compel the MSB to landscape the land to connect the Canefields and Slipway planting.

An application has been made to construct a 60-BERTH MARINA AND BUILDINGS on this site. If approved, the new marina would increase traffic movement and car-parking, particularly in The Avenue.

Objections to the scheme should be lodged now! Write to: The Secretary, Maritime Services Board of NSW, Circular Quay West, Sydney, 2000 and The Town Clerk, Leichhardt Municipal Council, PO Box 45, Leichhardt, 2040.

Council is willing to hear residents' reaction to the proposal. If enough residents object, then the scheme will probably be opposed by Council. Write now!

COUNCIL NEWS

GRAFTON STREET DEVELOPMENT: The Land and Environment Court TKO'd this one on the grounds that the building was actually 7 storeys high and not staggered into 3 apparent storeys (see Sydney Morning Herald 5 September 1981).

The Court's ruling gave a hard won victory for the Grafton Street residents and Leichhardt Council who lost the previous hearing. It is good to see the law upheld in interests of those who are concerned enough to do something for our environment.

PEACOCK POINT PARK: Illoura Reserve at Peacock Point will be extended across to Fenwick's tugs. The same landscape architect (Bruce McKenzie) and the same contractor (Frank McWilliam) who were responsible for the existing park have been engaged by Council to complete the new park. Work is to start immediately and should be completed during the summer.

WHITE BAY PARK: Council has engaged a contractor for this new park on a design prepared by landscape architect Stuart Pittendrigh with the help of residents and Council. Work is to commence soon and should be ready next year.

BLACKET IN BALMAIN

The Young Trust visit on Sunday 16 August was an unqualified success. On a clear sunny afternoon 250 Blacket seekers trooped through the Watch House and capped the day with a celebration at Balmain Town Hall.

The Association wishes to thank the organisers, Bev and John McClymont, Tony Quance and their team for bringing so many interested visitors to Balmain.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 1981
7.30 PM - WATCH HOUSE

**BALMAIN THEATRE GROUP**

presents
JOHN WHITING'S

the Devils

directed by
DAVID IVES

BALMAIN-ROZELLE MEMORIAL HALL, 442 Darling St., Balmain

Fridays and Saturdays at 8.00pm; Sundays at 5.00pm

18 September to 25 October, 1981

Press night party on Saturday 19 Sept. for \$2

A ADULTS: \$4.50

PENSIONERS/CHILDREN: \$2.50

(plus 50¢ annual membership for non-members)

Bookings at **BRAY'S BOOKS, 268 Darling St., Balmain**

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OUR NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The new Committee is Peter Reynolds (President), Richard Norman (Vice-President) and Committee Members Frances Heathfield, Rod Linklater, Ethel May and Trish Ryan.

Please note that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are still open and volunteers for these posts are urgently required.

BALMAIN WELLS AND WATERHOLES

Do you have a well in your backyard? Have you seen one lately? The Heritage Council has commissioned consulting engineers, Hughes-Trueman-Ludlow Pty Ltd, to make a survey of long-gone methods of water supply. They can be contacted on 439 2633.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Management puts forward the following new rates to be discussed at the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING at the WATCH HOUSE on Monday 2 November at 7.30 pm.

Single	now	\$3.00	to become	\$5.00
Family	"	\$5.00	"	\$7.00
Pensioner	"	\$1.00	"	\$2.00

and Student
Organization " \$10.00 " " \$12.00

Postal rates for those members living outside our area or who wish to have the News Sheet posted to rise from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

COME TO THE SGM AND HELP US DECIDE THE NEW RATES.

THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION IS FOR PEOPLE IN BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 3 AUGUST

- Gladys Chanter, Frances Heathfield, Ethel May, Andrea Nield, Richard Norman, Peter Reynolds and Trish Ryan met at the Watch House at 7 30 pm on Monday 3 August. Apologies were received from Margaret Dobson and Rod Linklater.
- 1 Letter received from S Payne seeking information on parks in our area, particularly Mort's Dock.
 - 2 From Leichhardt Council - Trees and Open Space Committee meeting, minutes 16 July.
 - 3 From Leichhardt Council - Report of meeting at Balmain Town Hall on Pyrmont and White Bay Power Stations.
 - 4 From Haberfield Association enclosing Objections to Ashfield Planning Scheme.
 - 5 From Mrs C Behm thanking us for placing her family history enquiry in News Sheet 112 and enclosing a \$20 donation.
 - 6 Letter sent to M McCready re enquiry on history of 42 Hornsey Street, Rozelle.
 - 7 Helpers organised for selling publications etc for Young Trust visit on 16 August.
 - 8 Crafts Day at the Watch House. A "Cottage Industries in Balmain" day to be held in early December. Helpers required - details later.
 - 9 Nominations for incoming Management Committee arranged.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19 AUGUST

The strike at Balmain Town Hall on Wednesday 19 August did not prevent us from holding our AGM - we just moved ourselves to the Watch House. In these more intimate surroundings, the general business centred on two main items.

- 1 The need for a "Cottage Industries Day" in Balmain. The consensus at the meeting was that it would be a good thing but beware of competition from the Bazaar. Resolved to go ahead with preliminary planning.
- 2 Membership subscription rates. After much discussion, and on consulting the Constitution, the meeting felt that a Special General Meeting could only fix new rates. The Special Meeting will be held at the Watch House on Monday 2 November at 7 30 pm.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 7 SEPTEMBER

- Frances Heathfield, Rod Linklater, Ethel May, Richard Norman, Peter Reynolds, Trish Ryan and Gladys Chanter and Rita Wise met at the Watch House on 7 September at 7 30 pm.
- 1 Letter from RAHS - Newsletter.
 - 2 From RAHS - donation for publication of Waterview Estate research in Leichhardt Historical Journal.
 - 3 From Friends of St Thomas' North Sydney - Festival of Flowers to be held on 10/11 October.
 - 4 From National Trust - Balmain Conservation Area report.
 - 5 Letter sent to Maritime Services Board - objecting against marina proposal at bottom of The Avenue, Balmain East.
 - 6 To Leichhardt Council - objecting against same proposal.
 - 7 To Leichhardt Council - requesting refund of \$7 00 fee for hire of Meeting Room at Balmain Town Hall due to strike by Council staff.
 - 8 Resolved to defer house-inspection day because of prevalence of burglary in Balmain.
 - 9 Resolved to organize garden walk day in Autumn, 1982.
 - 10 Fixed selling price of new Balmain Walk Map at 60 cents to members. Map now at printer.

RE-CYCLE AND LIVE!

One of the aims of the Balmain Association is "to improve the living, working and recreational amenity of our area". That aim surely includes re-cycling.

Each household has the opportunity to reduce the waste of energy and resources that occurs in the domestic garbage can.

PAPER: Friends of the Earth have an excellent six-week pickup of waste paper.

GLASS: The Boy Scouts are located at the bottom of Mort Street. Buy milk in bottles - they are returnable.

METALS: Scrap aluminium is worth approximately 50¢ per kilo.

PLASTICS: Mostly not re-cyclable - rarely bio-degradeable - avoid where possible.

ORGANIC: Make compost and use in pots or on garden. We might even reduce the cost of garbage collection by a little bit of self-help.

The Metropolitan Waste Disposal Authority Hot Line is 412 1388.



WATCH THESE DATES

1981 MEETINGS DIARY *****
To simplify arrangements for Management Meetings, General Meetings and History Meetings one meeting combining all these functions will be held on the first Monday of each month - public holidays excluded.



Tuesday 6 October
Monday 2 November
Monday 7 December

Remember, first Monday in each month at the Watch House at 7 30 pm - ALL WELCOME.

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The BALMAIN GARDEN CLUB meets every third Saturday in the month at the Watch House 179 Darling Street at 1 00 pm.

PUNCH PARK PEOPLE BUSH DANCE //////////////////////////////////////

Come to Balmain Town Hall on Friday 18 September, 8 00pm to 12 00 midnight for our Bush Dance featuring "STRINGBOW and BELLOWS".
Admission \$3.00 per person - limit of 200.
For advance bookings phone PUNCH PARK PEOPLE on 827 2757.
PROCEEDS IN AID OF SOLAR SEMINAR ON 21 NOVEMBER AT BALMAIN TOWN HALL. *****

Visit the Watch House

The Watch House, 179 Darling Street, is open to the public each Sunday afternoon between 2 00 pm and 4 00 pm. Admission is free.

JOIN the balmain association

- meaning BALMAIN BIRCHGROVE ROZELLE
- OUR AIMS ARE TO:
- * improve the living working and recreational amenity of our area
 - * maintain all features having natural architectural and/or historical value
 - * compile and record the history of the area - keep a permanent collection of items of historical interest
 - * seek the co-operation of everyone concerned in the realization of the above

For further information please contact:
PETER REYNOLDS 827 3560



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MEMBERSHIP FORM (OPEN/RENEW) PO BOX 57 BALMAIN 2041

NAME:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE: (HOME) (WORK)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (including News Sheet delivery in Balmain Birchgrove Rozelle)

Single	\$ 3.00
Family or Household	\$ 5.00
Pensioner or Student	\$ 1.00
Organization	\$10.00

Add \$2.00 to above rates to have News Sheet posted.
Cheques made payable to "The Balmain Association", 11 Sept '81